

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER (ARNP)

Registering Authority	Kathy Clayton Board of Nursing Iowa Department of Public Health 400 SW 8th St Ste B Des Moines IA 50309-4685 Phone: (515) 281-6488 Fax: (515) 281-4825 E-mail: newnurs@bon.state.ia.us
Legal Authority	Code of Iowa, Chapters 17A, 147, 152, and 272C
Job Description	Advanced registered nurse practitioners practice advanced nursing in one of four specialized areas: 1) certified registered nurse anesthetists, 2) certified nurse midwives, 3) certified nurse practitioners, and 4) clinical nurse specialists. Any licensed registered nurse who would like to have prescriptive authority needs to apply for an ARNP license.
Education & Experience Required	Applicants must be licensed as a registered nurse (see Registered Nurse, RN) in Iowa or be recognized for licensure in Iowa by the nurse licensure compact, complete a 12 to 18-month program leading to certification in a specialty area or a 24-month master's degree program, and pass a written national certification examination. Exam dates, fees, and the length of program vary depending on the area of specialization. The RN license is issued for three years, expiring on the 15th day of the birth month of the licensee. Registration as an ARNP is scheduled to coincide with the three-year RN licensure cycle.
Continuing Education	<p>Twenty-four contact hours or 2.4 continuing education units are required for renewal of a license issued for less than three years. Thirty-six contact hours or 3.6 continuing education units are required for renewal of a license issued for three years.</p> <p>Also, evidence of a current certification in a specialized ARNP area will meet this requirement.</p>
Examination	Contact the Iowa Board of Nursing to ascertain which examination is needed for advanced level certification. Exams vary by specialty and sub-specialty.
Fees	<p>Application: \$191 – RN license \$200 – both RN and ARNP together</p> <p>Duration: Three years</p> <p>Renewal: \$99 – to renew RN \$81 – ARNP \$180 – both RN and ARNP together</p> <p>Exam: Varies with the certification body</p>
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	29-1111 – Registered Nurses (\$19.68)

Number of Licenses Issued	<p>Total number of licenses active as of <i>June 30</i>, 2003: 1,401 2002: 1,352 2001: 1,283 2000: 1,183</p> <p>Note: ARNP licensure counts for each year run on a July to June fiscal year, ending June of the year indicated above.</p>
For Additional Information	<p>National League for Nursing 61 Broadway New York NY 10006</p> <p>American Association of Colleges of Nursing 1 DuPont Circle Ste 530 Washington DC 20036</p> <p>American Nurses Association 600 Maryland Ave SW Washington DC 20024-2571</p> <p>American Health Care Association 1201 L St NW Washington DC 20005-4014</p> <p>Association of Iowa Hospitals and Health Systems 100 E Grand Ave Des Moines IA 50309</p> <p>Iowa Nurses Association 1501 42nd St Ste 471 West Des Moines IA 50266</p>